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Man Scheduled to be Arraigned on Rape, Burglary Charges

A Rowland Heights man, accused of breaking into a woman's apartment and raping her, has been charged and is expected to be arraigned today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Pablo Reyes Bautista, 26 (dob 06/07/1987), was charged this morning with one count each of first-degree burglary, rape, sexual penetration by foreign object, aggravated mayhem and assault with intent to commit rape during the commission of a first-degree burglary in case KA104314. He is expected to appear in Department F of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

Deputy District Attorney Manuel Garcia Jr., of the Pomona Branch Office, said that in the early hours of Oct. 27, 2012, the victim was sleeping when she was reportedly awakened by Bautista in her Rowland Heights apartment. While inside the home, the defendant allegedly beat and raped the victim.

Following the incident, sheriff's officials began an investigation of the crime and a DNA hit led law enforcement to Bautista, Garcia said.

After some time, Bautista was discovered in Atwater Village and apprehended Jan. 11.

Bautista has remained in custody since his arrest and prosecutors are recommending that bail be set at \$4 million. If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 57 years to life in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Cynthia Valenzuela is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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